

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 1, 2001**

Members Present: Dr. Garth Gemar (Chairman), Dan Judkins, Dr. Steve Thompson, Roy Ryals, Dr. Stuart Alt, Dr. Scott Petersen, Nancy Shaver, Sgt. Rich Thacher, Mark Tellier, Bernard Grahek, Sheri Farr Jorden, Dr. Charles Allen, and Dr. Phillip Richemont.

Members Absent: Shelagh O'Connor, Dr. Michael Seby, Dr. Marc Levison, and Jim Morgan.

Guests Present: Catherine Eden, Rose Conner, Kevin Ray, Holly Gibeaut, Rookie Stevens, Maria Hubert, Roberto Torres, Norma Battaglia, Deb Gorombe, Lynn Donaldson, Melinda Case, Tracey Edwards, Dr. David Bank, Cecelia Ralston, Marcia Barry, Philomene Spadafore, Robinelle Schroder, and Heidi Compag.

BEMS Staff Present: Judi Crume, Pennie Klein, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Dona Markley, Don Decker, and Betty Yunick.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

A motion by Dr. Stuart Alt, seconded by Nancy Shaver to approve the amended agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Alt and seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the minutes of June 21, 2001 were approved with corrections: Dr. Charles Frank Allen should be listed as present not absent.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Catherine Eden, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the board.

- She reported that the trauma system plan has been rejected as developed and approved by STAB in 1999 and is in the process of revision.
- The governance for the trauma system plan will be in the Department.
- Projected time to complete system development for a comprehensive EMS and Trauma Plan is within 12 to 18 months
- STAB needs to discuss their continued and ongoing existence after the system is established. Recommendations for future existence of STAB will be needed.
- In the future there would be a dedicated agenda item "A Report from the Office of the Director".

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New Bureau Chief – Judi Crume, RN, PhD

Dr. Gemar gave some background on Judi Crume and introduced the new Bureau of EMS Chief to the committee.

Dr. Gemar also introduced Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Holly Gibeaut,

Assistant Attorney General, Kevin Ray, Attorney General and Catherine Eden, Director of the Department of Health Services to the committee.

Dan Judkins reported that the Tucson Medical Center lost 4 million dollars last year on the trauma program and that they will close their doors as a trauma center effective January 2, 2002. University Medical Center had lost over 1 million dollars last year and in early October announced that they will be closing also. Both the Tucson City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors have pledged a quarter of a million dollars each to keep the two hospitals in the trauma center business. This is contingent upon the State of Arizona coming up with the rest of the money, which is a little over 5 million dollars. A key legislator named James Weiers, after a tour of UMC facilities said he will do everything in his power as a speaker to see that funding comes through. He would like to see trauma system structure and definitions of what trauma centers are.

- B. Membership Update** – Dr. Gemar reported that the Director has appointed Mr. Mark Tellier to the category “Representative from Statewide Rehabilitation Facility,” (the Chief Executive Officer, HealthSouth Rehab in Tucson). In the category of “Representative from Urban Advanced Life Support Base Hospital That Is Not a Trauma Center” category the director has appointed Ms. Ingrid Bachtel who is administrator of emergency services at Desert Samaritan. Dr. Fortune has resigned due to his relocating to Southern Illinois University. The committee appreciates all of Dr. Fortune’s hard work and diligence that he has brought to the State Trauma Advisory Board.
- C. EMS Rules Update** – The packet was distributed for informational purposes. It includes recently completed rulemaking that revises current rules and adds new rules for Immunizations, Alternative Destination, and pilot projects.
- D. Bioterrorism** – Dr. Gemar reported that he had attended a presentation by David Engelhaler on the Department’s “Emergency Response System” on October 29, 2001. The CDC website is constantly being updated with new information. The Arizona Department of Health Services is working with the hospitals throughout the state, outlying communities, and county health offices in collecting data for the Syndromic Surveillance Study. The data will be collected up to 14 days after the last World Series game, in hopes of finding any clusters. The form that is being used is a “Fireball Fuchsia” form. Rose Conner thanked Sheri Farr Jorden for all her help with the project.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS & Trauma System Update** – Registry: Pennie Klein reported that the state has contracted with two vendors. The vendors are working with each facility to develop a “trauma registry solution” which will be submitted in writing to ADHS for approval. Training is scheduled in November/December for both products. Participating hospital should be fully ready to begin data collection with the new products by January 1, 2002. Additional hospitals that collect data may be added within the limits of the project funding (\$100,000). System Development: The focus for the future is to define and build a comprehensive

EMS and trauma system. Arizona is in the midst of developing an Arizona Injury Prevention Plan that would also involve the trauma care community (See Attached Report.)

- B. STAB Budget Update** – Up to \$100,000 will go to the registry. The question was raised on how much money from the budget will go to positions under and including Pennie Klein (Trauma Program Administrator) on the organizational chart.
- C. Codes Project Update** – The Codes Project was able to link 1998 and 1999 records from several sources with the original grant money and without extra funding. The University of Arizona has now obtained additional funding from NHTSA to analyze the linked files in response to NHTSA information needs. This funding is not sufficient to link additional years of data or to maintain the technical experts currently on the CODES project. Therefore they are seeking additional funding. Due to budget constraints at this time ADHS cannot fund this project. Recommended to distribute report on older drivers.

Follow Up: Request report from Carol Conroy
Delegated to: Dr. Gemar

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMS-Children Trauma System Assessment Grant** – Pennie Klein reported that we submitted a grant application and are in the process of addressing a survey questionnaire. The original grant was \$35,000 and there was an option for an additional \$10,000. ADHS has received an award for \$45,000. The next step is to contact the regional council chairs and their executive boards and determine a regional approach to planning. The grant outlines how the money can be spent.
- B. 2002 Meeting Schedule** – A motion was made by Dr. Allen and seconded by Sheri Farr Jordan to approve the schedule for the State Trauma Advisory Board and its subcommittee AZTQ. Motion carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. STAB Executive Committee** – The STAB Executive Committee did not meet.
- B. AZTQ Committee** – Dr. Gemar reported that Mr. Walt Angus from ITS gave a excellent presentation on The Digital Innovations and Lancet Technologies, Inc. products. The committee discussed what to do with the 2000 and 2001 data. Everybody felt that the number of trauma patients admitted to their institutions during those two years could probably be found out and reported and also the number of patients that died with the facility. There are not enough comparable mechanisms to give more. The committee set up Independent Work Groups to work on these and other issues. The revised set of reporting elements and data definitions will come back to the State Trauma Advisory Board.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Alt recommended putting on the agenda for the next meeting.

Follow Up: Old Business – STAB Agenda – January 24, 2002
Agenda Item: STAB focus from this point forward (Discussion)

Roy Ryals recommended that the Executive Committee meet before January to advise members of STAB of legislative issues as they relate to going forward with the trauma plan.

The governance model is being revised and then will come back to STAB for review.

Follow Up: Old Business – STAB Agenda – January 24, 2002
Agenda Item: Update on State Trauma Plan

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMES will be sponsoring a repeat of the Mass Casualty Bioterrorism Response Training on January 18, 19, 20 and again on January 22, 23, 24. For more information the website is InfoatAmes.Org or call Robin Schroeder at Good Samaritan.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held January 24, 2002.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board on 1/24/02